Employees in Bilaspur Railway Zone

† 2920. SHRI DILIP SIGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) the number of offices and employees working as on 31st July, 2000, in the newly created Railway-zone under construction at Bilaspur,

(b) the total posts sanctioned for this zone;

(c) the number of posts transferred elsewhere and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of action being taken to accelerate the construction of zone, by increasing the posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) 6 officers and 30 staff are positioned as on 31st July 2000 in the proposed Railway Zone at Bilaspur.

(b) 6 officers and 36 staff were sanctioned for this zone.

(c) No posts have been transfered to other places.

(d) The entire issue of reorganisation of Zones is under review.

Discontinuance of Durg-Waltair Train

2921. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the MINISTER OF RAILWAYS be pleaded to state:

(a) the reasons for discontinuance of the train running between Durg and Waltair for the last 32 years and starting it from Raipur.

(b) whether Government are considering to restart the same from the Durg Junction on the demand of citizens of that area.

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not the reason lor not taking seriously matter regarding withdrawal of facilities, by discontinuing the passenger train from important junction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) 229/230 Durg-Visakhapatnam Passenger was short terminated at Raipur due to operational constraints on Raipur-Durg section and poor patronage. tOriginal notice of the question was received in Hindi.